

**Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting**  
**9/10/24 5:30pm**  
**Franklin Library**

**Attendees:** Caitlin Voegele, Mickey Willis, Lisa Hawk, John Wallace, Emily Powers, Anne Kolan, Vickie Eiden, Soumya Palreddy, Kemper Smith, Amy Beyler, Jennie Bastian. **Online:** Ashley Check, Ashley Russell, Sarah Levin, Anne Reis, Erika Anna, Elizabeth Kraege-Soechting.

**Call to order:** 5:37pm

**Introductions and welcome new members.**

**Vote in new members:**

Three volunteers for open board positions:

- Vickie Eiden - Communications Chair
- Amy Beyler - At Large
- Jennie Bastian - At Large

Lisa motions to approve, Ashley Russell seconds, motion approved.

**Principal Updates – Emily:**

- Updated Franklin values: Safe Body, Kind Heart, Thinking Mind.
- Shared photos of the first week of school
- Start of the school year is focusing on building relationships and learning routines

**Principal Updates – John:**

- Staff building events prior to school starting
- Shared photos of the first week of school
- School improvement target areas: reading proficiency, belonging / relationships, attendance

**Class sizes:**

Discussion on class sizes, board policy, when to add another section to a grade.

- Class size determination starts in winter to project for the following year
- Many factors are considered including birth rates, housing trends, prior year enrollment
- Principals monitor class size numbers and advocate for extra sections if needed
- Every year there is a “3rd Friday Count” that occurs on the third Friday in September. This is to assess class sizes and teachers/resources may be moved if numbers necessitate it
- Class sizes are determined by the district and maximum class size numbers are nationally accepted as standard
- This year, sections added for K and 1st Grade, for a total of 5 sections per grade. Kindergarten class sizes are around 18. First grade is around 19.
- Largest class size at Randall is currently 27

## **2024/25 Budget:**

Overview of this year's budget and changes from prior year:

- increased social justice fund
- increased parking revenue and expense (extra port a pot)
- added Reflex Math (Randall) and Lexia (Franklin)
- reduced PEG coordinator stipend to avoid 1099 filing requirements
- eliminate computer repair fund
- lowered administrative costs

Need to move \$1066.15 for Franklin LMC to prior fund from playground fund due to error. Lisa motions to move LMC money, Ashley Russell seconds, motion approved.

## **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Event – Anne Reis & Erika Anna:**

- Considering hosting fall fundraiser for the Randall garden on Sept 28th or October 12<sup>th</sup>.  
**Decided on October 12<sup>th</sup>.**
- Time options: 1pm-4pm or 1:30pm-4:30pm
- Event ideas: fall harvest stations, garden tours, focus on nutrition, donate to “buy” a canvas bag of fall fruits and veggies

## **Screenagers event – Mickey:**

- Documentary film to provide education to families about risks and concerns with screen time
- Planning for showing this fall at Bayview

## **Wait Until 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- Pledge for parents to agree to not provide smart phones to children until at least 8th grade and no social media until at least 16 years old.
- Plan to incorporate pledge awareness with Screenager showing

## **Grants – Soumya:**

- Reviewed grants process
- Discussed timeline - possibly mid-October to mid-November
- Plan to have committee bring grant recommendations to December 10<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting

## **Parking Give Back – Ashley Check:**

Overview of the parking giveback:

- Seven elementary schools in MMSD that are considered high need that have gotten money from parking give back on a rotating basis.
- Usually choose 2 schools each year to provide volunteers for football parking and a portion of the funds raised from that game

Considering dividing equally among the seven schools for future years. Table for future discussion.

**After School Clubs – Anne Kolan:**

- Anne suggested an after school play club at Randall.
- Discussion on school policies. School cannot promote the clubs.
- Support to continue with this idea, but also to consider liability of being responsible for children and make sure groups are properly protected / insured.
- Will reach out to other PTOs to see how they handle similar issues.

Adjourned: 7:00pm